

EXPRESS COS. FIND A HOLE IN RATE BILL

Stifle Trade by Crawling
Through Standard Pipe
Lines After Com-
mission Men.

The remarkable story of how the express companies crawled out of the new railroad rate law, through the Standard Oil Company's pipe lines, has been developed through the investigations of the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association, and laid before the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Interstate Commerce Committee of the House of Representatives.

That the express companies are today conducting throughout the West and South a regular commission business, handling fruit, oysters, and many other articles, including all sorts of household necessities, and fast driving the commission houses out of business, has been proved. A great array of documentary evidence has been secured by Representative John L. Kennedy of Omaha, who has taken up the fight at the request of Secretary E. B. Branch, of the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association, and submitted to the Interstate Commission, which has ordered an investigation of these new business activities.

Small Firms Can't Compete.

Unless the express companies are by law driven out of the commission business, according to Mr. Kennedy, they will soon force the commission houses out of business. The latter cannot hope to compete. Mr. Kennedy points out that if the express concerns are permitted thus to secure a monopoly of this trade they will, of course, do just what the railroads have done when they have come into control of the coal business—that is, use their power to stop all competition and increase prices.

It is made apparent now that the express companies turned the cleverest trick that was turned in connection with the passage of the rate legislation last year. Nobody thought of them when the conference committees were working on the section of the law which provided that common carriers must not become dealers in the articles they transported. The Senate put into the bill a provision that "common carriers" must not become merchants. They must not deal in articles they transported. Then the Standard Oil interests came to the front and pointed out that "common carriers" included pipe lines, and that if this provision was left unchanged the Standard would not be able to run its own oil through its thousands of miles of pipe lines. After a long fight they won their point, and the law was changed to make this provision apply only to railroads instead of to all common carriers. So, as the law really went on the statute books, pipe line and express companies are permitted to also merchants and to deal in the articles they transported. The express companies have turned the trick, taking advantage of their opportunity.

Issue Great Price Lists.

Mr. Kennedy's documents make a complete case, he declares. Typical of them is a great price list of the United States Express Company, dated October 5, 1906, and issued from New York. It is headed "United States Express Company Price List, published by the order and commission department," and farther on, "You can consign any kind of produce to our order and commission department at any office of this company and our agent will sell to best advantage and return proceeds at once. We quote prices, collect and forward orders and purchase goods for you, which saves time and money, with no extra charge."

Price lists issued by the United States, Wells Fargo, Pacific, American express companies are submitted by Mr. Kennedy. When the Western Fruit Jobbers' Association protested to the companies the replies received were most interesting. Thus M. T. Jones, superintendent of traffic of the United States Express Company, writing from New York August 4 last, after explaining that the company didn't want to be unfriendly to jobbers and commission dealers, concluded: "This company would be pleased to meet the views of your association if it were possible, but at present with so many active competitors in the field in the same line we must do as we can. If you can prevail upon the other companies to stop the practices of which you complain you may be assured that this company will do anything it legally can to assist you."

This is typical of the expressions from all the other companies.

MOVE WYOMING TOWN TO ESCAPE HOMESTEAD

LANDER, Wyo., Feb. 25.—Because they cannot secure the canceling of the homestead filing of William Brenaman, the residents of Boyesen are to move the town off the land of Brenaman, which it occupies.

There are now about 100 settlers on the ground, and a big rush is expected in the spring, as the town will be the supply point for the Boyesen mining district.

It is necessary to have the question of town site rights settled in time so that improvements may be made and the town built up.

MRS. SARAH McLAUGHLIN DIES OF LUNG CONGESTION

Mrs. Sarah Virginia McLaughlin, wife of Levi L. McLaughlin, of the general store department, Washington Navy Yard, died suddenly Saturday from congestion of the lungs, at the family residence, 812 G street northeast, aged fifty-nine years. Mrs. McLaughlin was the daughter of Henry and Castra Timms, a well-known family of Leesburg, Va. She was an enthusiastic member of Burnside Post, G. A. R., Woman's Relief Corps, of this city, and took a deep interest in all that pertained to that organization. She was also an active member of Bethlehem Chapter, Eastern Star of Masons, and at the time of her death had just returned home from a visitation of the sick of that organization. She is survived by her husband, one son, J. M. McLaughlin, of this city; two grandsons, John and Francis McLaughlin, and a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Kate E. McLaughlin. The funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock, the Rev. Dr. Hubbard conducting the services. The interment will be in Glenwood Cemetery.

Evelyn Attends Party With Maxine Elliot

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—Before the resumption of the Thaw trial today the air about the criminal courts building was fairly charged with suppressed excitement, due to the belief that from some quarter a surprise was to be sprung.

During the recess from Thursday countless rumors had spread and to the feeling that something not on the program was going to happen.

One of the stories published today had to do with a new witness, said to have been discovered, whose testimony would show that Stanford White was pursuing Evelyn Thaw as late as March, 1906, three months before he was shot, and had sought, through Hattie Forsythe, to effect a reconciliation with Mrs. Thaw. She, however, resisted his efforts in this direction.

Maxine Elliott in Party.

This new witness is George Pollack, a former elevator boy at the San Jacinto apartment house, where Miss Forsythe was living at the time. Pollack declares that Evelyn Thaw paid four visits to Miss Forsythe and that on each occasion White appeared at the San Jacinto. Only once, however, did he see her. That was at a party which the former elevator boy says was attended by Maxine Elliot, five other theatrical women, and Evelyn Thaw. White also was present. Mrs. Thaw left before the others that night.

On the other occasion Pollack asserts, White was denied access to Miss Forsythe's rooms on the plea that she was not at home. He waited outside the house, Evelyn was able to slip out a side door and escape him.

The new witness also declares that when White discovered Miss Forsythe had received him he sent her to California.

Bodyguard for White.

During this period, Pollack asserts, White was constantly accompanied by a bodyguard, evidently believing he was in danger.

Prospects of Jerome's calling for a lunacy commission to pass on Thaw's present sanity, formed the basis for

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A.—He said they were just some old stuff.

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Then in despair, Postum was tried. I had tasted it once and heartily disliked the gale, watery compound, but now, literally starving for a hot drink, I read and re-read the directions on the package with the critical eye of the proof-reader, following them out to the letter, and lo! the rich brown liquid of the advertisement.

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much speculation as to when the prosecutor will take this action, since it is generally believed he will do so before the trial progresses much further. Thaw himself is much worried over this danger. He sent yesterday for his attorneys after reading the newspapers, declaring Jerome contemplated this procedure. They had a hard time quieting him.

Howard Nesbit Deserts Jerome.

Another of today's developments was that Howard Nesbit, Evelyn's brother, has left the jurisdiction of the court to avoid testifying. This desertion of the district attorney is said to have chagrined Jerome deeply. The balance of Evelyn Thaw's cross-examination is regarded by many court attendants as being the crucial period for her. She has still to account for the year just previous to her marriage, when she maintained such close relations with Thaw that she lived for a while with him at the Grand Hotel in connection with the Thaw murder trial.

Jerome intends to make every effort to draw from her own lips confession showing that the "honorable court" which Delmas insists Thaw paid to her was far from being that.

Forecast of Future Plan.

Jerome gave the jurors a taste of what was to come just before adjournment Thursday when he drew the fessible mentioned. But he had given the jurors something to ruminate on during the recess and prepare their minds for the full effect of other confessions of doubtful relations with Thaw.

The real "impetus" of Evelyn Thaw is expected to come in the prosecution's rebuttal. Jerome evidently has abandoned hope of making any confession by herself. By other witnesses he can try to show false testimony on her part. It is expected this will be his plan. Evelyn's former chorus girl friends and Charles Harnett, are expected to offer their testimony and it promises to be sensational.

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SPRING IS HERE— AT KANN'S STORE

Decorations at Successful
Opening Like Day
in May.

The snow and slush that filled the streets of Washington were not sufficient to take away the impulse of spring that the interior of S. Kann Sons' store gave one this morning. The occasion was the spring opening of the establishment, and from the moment one entered the swinging doors until the entire house had been traversed, there were indications that spring had certainly come and in its happiest guise.

It is difficult to state just what department offered the most attractive features to the feminine visitors. There were novelties in each one and to each had manifested been given every attention on the part of the decorator.

Butterfly Decorations.

The first floor was especially attractive. Tall ferns and palms lined the corridors just inside the Market Space door, and the tall pillars throughout the lower floor were prettily festooned in smilax, the green being relieved by little touches of pink, blue, yellow, and red, which were formed by tiny tissue paper butterflies. The effect was most attractive. On this floor there was displayed a wealth of attractive goods. Fine white linens, shimmering silks, and the daintiest specimens of embroidery and lace. New styles of neckwear made this particular counter the objective point of hundreds of visitors, and here gains in silks kept the saleswomen in that department unusually busy.

Display of Hats.

To the millinery department the palm for attractiveness might be given. There were big hats, small hats, bright hats, and dark hats. Every shade of straw that one might ask has been utilized in making the store has ever shown. A particular feature of the trimmings is the long lash streamers which are found on so many of the larger hats and which give an individuality and chic appearance that is most captivating. The hats, most of them, are simply loaded down with flowers of the brightest and happiest colors.

A new supply of summer waists is another attractive feature. These are in batiste, Indian and other soft white material and are variously made up, some with lace and embroidery, and others with tucks and little fluted panels in the front.

Throughout the store one finds a succession of novelties. In every department there are new things to see and to buy. The opening is undoubtedly one of the prettiest and most successful in the history of the establishment.

ASSASSIN SCARES RUSSIAN GENERAL

ODESSA, Feb. 25.—Governor General Kaubars has received a revolutionary notice that unless he resigns within a week he will be killed. Kaubars does not venture out of his strongly guarded residence.

SENATE PASSES INDIAN BILL.

Without debate the Senate today passed the pension appropriation bill and agreed to the conference report on the Indian appropriation bill.

POLICE MUST SLICK UP.

Major Sylvester today issued orders to police officers that more strict attention to their attire must be shown by members of the police force.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25.—One of the

witnesses at the trial of Harry Thaw today, or tomorrow, for the murder of Stanford White will be Dr. Patton, former president of Princeton University, and now president of the Princeton Theological Seminary. Dr. Patton is so testily to receiving an envelope from Thaw.

This envelope has been sealed since it came into Dr. Patton's possession, and is supposed to contain a most interesting document.

Dr. Patton will bring the envelope into court and it is likely that it will be opened and the contents read.

Why Thaw should have written Dr. Patton requesting that the envelope be kept sealed, has not been explained, but it is presumed that it relates to incidents in the life of Thaw, his wife and Stanford White.

Dr. Patton has been called by the defense, and is expected to be a strong witness.

POSTAL WISDOM

He was a forgetful fellow.

When he left Detroit he promised to write regularly to his chum in this city.

One day in a far Western city he sat down and wrote a long epistle.

When he came to write the address on the envelope he found he had forgotten his friend's name and number.

But he was resourceful. He wrote:

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RUSSIAN LEADER VISITING AMERICA

Here to Secure Sympathy
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Father of the Revolution
Describes Growth of
the Movement.

Nicholas W. Tchaykovsky, the "grand old man" of Russia, and the "father of the revolution," has been visiting Washington in company with Alexis Aldayin, leader of the Russian Workmen's and Peasant party, in the domain, and Kellogg Durland, an American newspaper man. The three are making a tour of the United States picturing conditions as they really exist in Russia, in order to gain the sympathy of the American people.

Mr. Tchaykovsky began the revolutionary movement against the despotism of the throne and nobles over forty years ago. He first formed a small circle in St. Petersburg, where among a limited few were discussed the ways to liberty. In after years this circle increased in numbers to many thousands and branches were organized throughout the empire of the Czar. This parent circle at St. Petersburg is named in honor of the visitor to Washington.

Mr. Tchaykovsky declares that the rights of the Russian people will yet like those of the Englishman, outnumber the rights of the Russian Czar. "We are only contending for what is our own," said the veteran Russian. "We were not made for czars and nobles. Light is breaking in upon us and we have wrested from the hand of despotism a constitution which is but a mockery. It reads well in print, but the rights it confers are begrudgingly given and at will retained and recalled by the Czar. What the granting of these liberties does show, however, is

that the people are gaining ground in the face of the pretensions of the autocracy. It is not so many years ago that millions of my people were held in a thrall like unto that of the slave. The master wielded the knout upon the backs of his serfs at will, and we soon saw a miracle. A friend of ours spoke about Cuticura. We made a trial with Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Resolvent, and within ten days or two weeks we noticed a decided improvement. Just as quickly as the sickness had appeared it also began to disappear, and within ten weeks the child was absolutely well, and his skin was smooth and white as never before. F. Hohrath, President of the C. L. Hohrath Company, Manufacturers of Silk Ribbons, 4 to 20 Rink Alley, South Bethlehem, Pa., June 5, 1905."

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No Kisses, No Corsets; Result, No Consumption

Belts Barred, Also, by Anti-Tuberculosis

League—Patients Must Get the Habit of

Going Out Doors in Bad Weather.

ATLANTA, Feb. 25.—Corsets, belts, and kissing all tend to consumption, according to the experts of the American Anti-Tuberculosis League.

The league advises further: Plain and wholesome food, Dainties, and intoxicants should be avoided. Be careful whom you kiss.

The best, sunniest rooms always to be used to sleep in.

Plain, durable clothing out of material not too thickly woven, discarding the follies of fashion, like corsets and belts that hamper the free movement of the body.

Take a cold bath or a cold rub daily. Breathe with the mouth closed. Devote your whole strength to your work. It gives strength in return.

Devote the hours free from work to the strengthening of the body. Take outdoor exercise. Draw in long, deep drafts of fresh air while holding the hands pressed tightly against the sides.